

Proclamation

The 14th Annual Hawai'i Conservation Conference is sponsored by the Hawai'i Conservation Alliance (HCA), a partnership of government, education and non-profit organizations devoted to environmental conservation efforts in the Hawaiian Islands.

Twelve organizations support and make up the HCA: University of Hawai'i - Mānoa, the University of Hawai'i - Hilo, Kamehameha Schools, Bishop Museum, Ducks Unlimited, The Nature Conservancy, U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture-Natural Resource Conservation Service, U.S. Geological Survey-Biological Resource Discipline, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of Land and Natural Resources-Division of Forestry and Wildlife, and the National Park Service.

The HCA seeks to promote the effective, long-term management of Hawai'i's native ecosystems through collaborative research, training and outreach among land managers, scientists, educators, and the general public.

It also hopes to effectively manage 90 percent of Hawai'i's native ecosystems, support restoration of rare and endangered species, increase support for high priority management-oriented conservation research, strengthen the skills of conservation professionals, and increase public awareness and involvement in conserving and managing Hawai'i's ecosystems.

This event is the largest gathering of experts committed to the protection and management of Hawai'i's natural environment. This year's theme, *Sustainability: Mauka to Makai*, focuses our attention on sustaining our islands' near-shore and terrestrial environment through workshops, presentations, forums, and field trips.

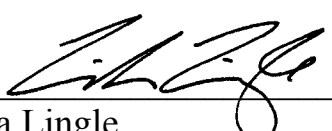
The conference will also facilitate information transfer and promote interaction among natural resource managers and the scientific community while offering delegates the opportunity to share experiences and ideas on a wide range of conservation issues.


THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, and **I, JAMES R. "DUKE" AIONA Jr.**, Lieutenant Governor, do hereby proclaim **July 26, 2006** as

CONSERVATION DAY

in the Aloha State, and commend the HCA for their stewardship of our islands' environment.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twelfth day of July 2006.


Linda Lingle
Governor, State of Hawai'i


James R. "Duke" Aiona, Jr.
Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai'i